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SUBJECT: UPPER HOUSE PROCLAMATION ON PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

1. FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF PROCLAMATION ON PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION PASSED BY UPPER HOUSE SEPTEMBER 22. TWENTY-EIGHT OF ONLY 31 SENATORS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF RESOLUTION. COMMENTS FOLLOW BY SEPTEL.

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2. S TEMENT.

1) THE UPCOMING PRESIDENTIAL AND VICE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION OF OCTOBER 3, HAVING ONLY THE SLATE OF THE INCUMBENT PRESIDENT IN THE RUNNING, IS AGAINST PUBLIC WILL AND BEYOND THE LIMITS PRESCRIBED BY THE LAW.

2) THIS ELECTION IS CREATING REACTIONS AT HOME AND ABROAD THAT ARE UNFAVORABLE FOR THE REGIME AND THE JUST CAUSE PURSUED BY THE PEOPLE AND THE ARMY OF SOUTH VIET-NAM.

3) THIS ELECTIN, IF HELD AS PLANNED, WILL AGGRAVATE THE

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PRESENT CRISES AND BRING OVERALL DISASTER TO SOUTH VIET-NAM. THE GOVERNMENT WILL NO LONGER HAVE THE CAPACITY TOLEAD. IT WILL BE DIFFICULT FOR THEPRESENT REGIME OF SOUTH VIET-NAM TO ESCAPE COLLAPSE.

4) LOOKING FORWARD TO A SETTLEMENT OF THE WAR IN SOUTH VIET-NAM, THE PRESSING NEED IS TO STRENGTHEN THE LEGALITY OF THE GOVERNMENT AND ITS PUBLIC SUPPORT.

3. PROCLAMAMTION.

1) THE LEADERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AS WELL AS THE THIEU-HUONG SLATE SHOULD REALIZE THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TOWARD THE SURVIVAL OF THE NATION, TOWARD MEETING THE GENUINE ASPIRATIONS OF THE PEOPPLE, AND TOWARD RESPECTING THE SUPREME RIGHTS AND INTERESTS OF THE NATION.

2) THE ENTIRE POPULATION SHOULD HEIGHTEN THEIR VIGILIANCE AND JOIN EFFORTS WITHIN THE LIMITS PERMITTED BY THE LAW TO SAVE THE NATION IN THIS SERIOUS EPISODE OF HISTORY.

3) THE CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS SHOULD REORGANIZE THE PRESIDENTIAL AND VICE-PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION ACCORDING TO ESTABLISHED DEMOCRATIC RULES.
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